

DELEGATE BYRNES: Say 15 to 20. Wait a minute, I am being unclear. I am not relying exclusively on these documents. I am relying now on the Spencer memo and the Dabrowski memo, Delegate Dabrowski's memo.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Are there any further questions?

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: I would like to find out if those other memos, those other sources of information, contradict the information that had been prepared and distributed to you and me within the last two days.

DELEGATE BYRNES: No, I would say that your point is well taken that you do not have a consistent drop-off between the gubernatorial and mayoralty response in every mayoralty election in Baltimore City. The only statistics we have that would precisely define what you are asking for indicate that it is a mixed answer. I want to indicate the minority does not rely exclusively on that argument to counter the position of the majority. We think there are a great number of factors involved, and we suggest that the differential in response in the various levels of elections are neither conclusive answers to your position nor conclusive support for ours. I would concede your point.

DELEGATE CHABOT: You presented a number of arguments, and statistical evidence was available to back each of them. I am not trying to ask questions about all arguments at once. I had hoped to be able in this time to have gotten through a mass of arguments but we have problems in trying to back up the first one that I asked questions about.

Do you feel that you have statistical evidence to back up the statements you had made before, that the drop-off from the head of the state ticket to the head of the county ticket, is greater when you have the county elections in a separate year, than it is when the county elections are in the same year or is it less? Which way do you feel it is or are you abandoning the argument completely?

DELEGATE BYRNES: No, I do not. I am going to have to review this completely, then, if you want to be precise.

(President H. Vernon Eney resumed the Chair.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Yes, sir, we have some information that you had described to the Committee regarding the cost of the 1966 general election. This had been distributed to the Committee on Suffrage and Elections very early in the Convention.

You had indicated at that time in your description of this that there was some confusion as to the accuracy of the total figures and you referred to a statement by Mr. Willard Morris who had at the time of the 1966 general election been the minority elections clerk in Montgomery County.

Was it not Mr. Morris' statement to the Committee that the Montgomery County figure was correct as to the marginal cost for holding the 1967 general election, while he expected that the figures for many of the other counties had been overstated?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Chabot, the purpose of this period of questioning is for clarification of the minority report, not for debate. I think your question gets into the area of debate. You have the opportunity to state that in the course of the debate.

DELEGATE BYRNES: May I make this point, sir? In order to cut down on the presentation, I suggested that I would not document every statement I made.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. I do not question his right to ask you a question as to documentation but I suggest only the way this last question was phrased it seemed to be a matter of debate rather than clarification.

Do you have further question, Delegate Chabot?

DELEGATE CHABOT: I would be satisfied to get the answer to that last question and I would sit down.

DELEGATE BYRNES: I can only read from the transcript of the hearing we had with Mr. Morris:

“DELEGATE CHABOT: So the \$768,000 represented the estimate of the total cost for the entire state for the 1966 elections, not the special election in 1967.

“MR. MORRIS: I do not know how accurate that is because I had several calls from boards that did not have the records that we had in Montgomery County when we submitted our form to the comptroller. Several of them called up and said, we know how much was